

EDITORIAL

We would welcome a much larger number of contributions to the General Notes section of the *Bulletin*. These notes provide items of especial interest to a wide variety of readers and often contain, page for page, more contribution to ornithology than major articles. However, contrary to the first impressions of many intending contributors, a really good note requires careful thought and accurate writing. Usually several versions are necessary before even the most experienced writer attains an accurate, concise statement of all of the pertinent facts and the justifiable conclusions. As to subject matter, our readers are least interested in records of unusual seasonal or geographical occurrence; reports on habits and other life history matters are much preferred and commonly have more scientific value.

Many of our members are now in the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps, or are doing civilian war-work in regions strange to them. The revised membership list published in this issue will enable them to locate fellow Wilson Club members who live nearby and can direct them to the best places for bird study. In these strenuous times there are more frequent address changes than usual, but your Secretary and Editor will gladly furnish members with the latest such information on any region. On behalf of the British Ornithologists' Club, N. B. Kinnear of the British Museum of Natural History (Cromwell Road, London, S. W. 7) has generously offered similar help to any of our members stationed in that country.

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ORNITHOLOGICAL NEWS

The Sixtieth Annual Meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union was held at the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia, October 12 to 16, 1942. Officers elected for the new year were as follows: *President*, James L. Peters; *Vice Presidents*, George Willett, and Hoyes Lloyd; *Secretary*, Lawrence E. Hicks; *Treasurer*, J. Fletcher Street; *Editor*, John T. Zimmer. Arthur A. Allen, Rudolphe M. de Schauensee, Robert C. Murphy, and Rudyerd Boulton were elected new members of the Council; Clarence Cottam, Rudolphe M. de Schauensee, and Harrison F. Lewis were elected Fellows; Earle R. Greene, Harry W. Hann, Robert C. Miller, Earle L. Poole, and S. Dillon Ripley were elected new Members. The 1943 meeting, if conditions permit, will be held in New York City in October.

Claude H. B. Grant, editor of *The Ibis*, announces the election of David Lack to the new post of Biological Assistant Editor. With the year 1943, the grouping of annual volumes of *The Ibis* into six-volume series will be discontinued, and the one for that year will be designated as volume 85.

The 1942 Walker Prize in Natural History was awarded by the Boston Society of Natural History to Frank Bene of Springfield, New Jersey, for a paper on hummingbird behavior.

William W. Griffin recently resigned as editor of *The Oriole*, quarterly publication of the Georgia Ornithological Society, to join the Marines. In September he was commissioned second lieutenant. The new editor of *The Oriole* is Robert Norris of Tifton, Georgia.